

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
NEWS RELEASE**



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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 3 hours from the hours of 6 p.m. Friday, August 10 until 9 p.m. Friday, August 10.

Fishermen are reminded to check with Great Pacific if the buyer needs to shorten the hours they will buy fish because of limited capacity or airline schedules.

During Wednesday night's 4 hour fishing period 53 permit holders caught 15,495 chum salmon. Catches were above average.

The Kobuk River test fish catch at Kiana continues to be well above average and the cumulative catch index ranks 4th best in the 20-year project history.

Continuing with short duration openings should not jeopardize escapement and allow for subsistence fishing opportunity.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.